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## The Story of Mass PE . . .

FRESHMAN to senior, University men will swim this year for endurance and life-saving in mass rehearsal for the day their plane may crash in forlorn ocean water . . . or the day their ship may slip to the bottom, split by a Nazi torpedo.

Blow by blow they will meet in combatives . . . to box, wrestle, practice tricks of judo—handy training for the day they meet the Nip bayonet to bayonet, and hand to hand.

Team sports of football, tackle and touch, of soccer and basketball will condition bodies for the abnormal abuse of war-time. Strong wind for running ahead to attack will be developed in track training. Leg muscles will stiffen under mass PE instruction.

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FROM the shoulders, arms, and upper body to the legs, ankles and feet University men face a program of physical development. Condition will be the determining force in grades. Not skill.

The frustrated 118-pounder who has always viewed askance the zipping game of football may drop fears that he will face a 220-pound behemoth in opening-day scrimmage. Training is based on building condition. That comes first. Later comes teamwork and skill.

Dr. N. P. E. Anderson and W. W. Massey, of the physical education school, will inspect classes during the term. Again, the emphasis is individual condition.

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"WE CAN'T control eat and sleep as in army and navy training," PE Dean Ralph Leighton, man behind the program, declared Friday. "That takes cooperation of the students. But we can control exercise. On that ground alone we can go far. We will condition all parts of the body. We will attempt to put the men in better condition for the day they enter active duty."

Navy and marine requests direct heaviest concentration on sophomores and seniors. They are the ones most likely to be called in an emergency.

No part of the body, however, and no class will be overlooked. The real test of long and cold ocean swimming for marooned sailors and pilots, of hand-to-hand combat, of team coordination, and of muscular strength will come in a near-tomorrow. Mass PE is the practical test for today.

That is the story of mass physical education for all men Fall, 1942.

## Beat The Band Problem . . .

EVERY year the question of bringing nationally-known dance bands to the campus arises. It will no doubt come up at the student affairs committee meeting Monday to discuss the curtailed wartime social program. But now we have another and related problem on our hands: how to secure enough bands to play the heavy schedule of fraternity, sorority, and club dances.

The scale of all-campus affairs like the Homecoming dance and the Junior prom permit hiring name bands, should they be desired by the educational activities board. There is, however, no living organization or club at the University which could afford to bring in an orchestra of the Goodman-Dorsey-Miller caliber, nor do their needs justify such action. But where are these organizations going to find an adequate supply of local talent that has not forsaken music for the higher wages of the shipyards?

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THE only apparent answer lies in the fund of musical talent in the freshman class. The enterprising frosh with high school experience now has a wide-open chance to earn and learn at the same time, and would be missing more than a little real fun if he didn't visit activities manager Dick Williams without delay.—J.J.M.

The time is rapidly approaching when it's easier to list University students and alumni who are not in the service rather than those who now are enlisted with the army, navy, or marines.

## Quotable Quotes

"No serious student of history can doubt that an old epoch in human development has ended and a new one begun. In the new epoch that lies ahead the United States will share largely, if not assume completely, the leadership of nations. Her riches, her geographical position and her democratic tradition are some of the reasons for this expanded role in international affairs. It is almost unthinkable that the provincialism of a few isolationists shall ever again restrain this nation from the legitimate assumption of world leadership." Gordon S. Watkins, dean of the college of letters and sciences, University of California, hears the death knell of United States isolationism.

## World War I . . .

### Those Were the Days:

By JANET WAGSTAFF

Opinion formed more rapidly in the University circle than among the general public during the first year of World War I.

Military training was proposed, and finally to give an outlet for the rising military enthusiasm and fend off a stampede, the faculty set to work on the problem. After nearly a year, training began with dummy wooden guns and cooperation from officers of the coast artillery residing in Eugene.

The problem of securing a properly trained officer was great. When the U. S. entered the war, prospects of securing an American officer became less.

Col. John Leader, retired British officer wounded in the Battle of the Somme, was finally appointed. He brought with him the intense atmosphere of the actual struggle, and under one of his first commands all shovels, picks and barbed wire in Eugene were requisitioned and students were put to work digging trenches and building entanglements on the athletic field. He recruited his officers from the ranks of the faculty.

The women prepared and presented a special battalion banner. The momentum soon brought 400 old Springfield rifles from government sources to displace the dummy guns.

Nearly everyone wanted to serve. Those not eligible for active duty economized on sugar, bought liberty bonds and war savings stamps, knit, rolled bandages, provided funds and books for prisoners. Staff members cooperated in various individual ways, one invented a portable bridge, one collected sphagnum moss for wound dressings.

Amateur detectives became active in discovery of spies, mostly imaginary.

In his book, "History of the University of Oregon," Henry D. Sheldon, professor of history, says that, about 2000 graduates and former students of the University joined the armed forces during the war, many seeing active service. Thirty-nine of these men died in the war, five being killed in action and three dying from their wounds.

## Nothing Sacred

By J. SPENCER MILLER

The nuggets are terrific! All the houses, with a few notable exceptions, hit the 50 cent jackpot. If we tried to list all the queens and "stones" that picked up pledge pins over the weekend, we'd fill more space than this column deserves.

The glamour gal of the lot is DeeGeez but everything! She knows but everything! Our election nomination for Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, Pifie's Lois "Pringle Prangle" Pringle . . . For the benefit of piggers we will publish a list of the best nuggets we have seen so far. Remember, this is far from complete. They're plenty to go around for all of us . . .

The Alpha Feez list three jewels in Bette Hodecker, Petite Latourette (of the Theta Latourettes) and Jeanne Burrell; the Tri-Delts, rapidly on the upswing, boast Peggy Heitschmidt and Phyllis Reinbrecht; AOPiz Sue Minor and Roberta Boyd are on the glamour side; our Alpha Chi pals have got Nan McKinley and Pat King, the KATHetahz with a top bunch of gals, landed Teddy Nicolai and Janet Bean; ChiOz Beryl Innes and Virginia Beattie are good for our two bits; Doll-ta Gamma's Eliza Ann Houston is personality, brains, and beauty in the triple threat field, and also sis of Chi Pat Tom; KKG's Eleanor Jacobs and Ann Winkler are 10-plus along, with more obvious features; ADPis Ruth La Franchi went out some with Beta Bill Loud this summer—which is good enough recommend for us; Out of

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## Campus Correspondent

By NORMA TREVORROW

This year there's a new feeling on the campus. It's affecting everyone and since it's important, lots of people are going to do something about it. Its originator is commonly called World War II. So now we have a war column dealing only with that part of the war that has something to do with students: pointing out what they can do, what they are doing, and what they already have done.

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Somewhere in Oregon—that farmer, Earle Russel decided to be a fancy foreman of a fruit ranch this summer. He calls it war work—must be the propaganda . . . Mona MacAuley and Sue Stater, Deegees, pitched in for some real work as nurse's aides at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland this summer . . . Alan Foster, the Drama Kid, volunteered to chauffeur for the Red Cross workers taking supplies to first aid stations . . . Nelda Rohrbach, Alpha Chi, boasts a \$500.00 war bond and a nice collection of war stamps to boot . . . Both Larry Celsi and Ted Harmon were graveyard shifters in the shipyards. The only difference was that Ted's company put out a Liberty ship every three days and Larry's hasn't made the grade yet . . . Joyce Coffee not only worked at the Eugene Victory center but also was chief morale builder-upper at a certain lookout station. Is that why everybody wants to spot planes?

Now's the time for all women and V-1's, V-5's, V-7's, 4-F's, E.R.C.'s, A.A.C.R.'s, etc., to come to the aid of their country. There's no end of things to do and one of the easiest is the turning in of all that escape literature that's been making debris around the house. Ever feel like a wicked spendthrift when you buy a book, read it, and wonder what the

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## Free For All . . .

To the Editor:

I know you want to know something about army life, and I can't resist telling you how much I enjoy it. From my past experience and preconceived ideas I had really expected the worst, but nothing like that at all! I was "processed" here at Ft. Douglas, at the reception center. After I was classified as a typist, I was assigned to the headquarters of the ninth service command. The work is all of a clerical nature and fate has it that I should work in the same department that drafted me, namely, recruiting and induction, Selective Service.

We get up at 7, have good beds, and excellent food, with the accent on good old meat and potatoes, and office hours that we work are 8:30 to 5:15.

. . . Also, I just received my first grade promotion to Private First Class, not much, but it's a starter. After six months, I'll be eligible for officers' training, adjutant general's machine records school in Washington, for limited service men, one of which I am.

Pete Lamb, '42.

## Trade Last

By EDITH NEWTON

Courses in Turkish are being offered this year at Indiana university to help answer the demand for men who can speak Turkish, Siamese, and other unusual languages.

The lack of such people was discovered when General Douglas MacArthur recently asked the government for 50 Americans who could speak Japanese—and didn't get to first base with his demands.

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The coeds of the University of Wyoming proved recently that they don't spend all their time on dude ranches and class rooms. The coeds took first in the national intercollegiate pocket billiards meet. The pool hall standbys are still gasping.

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Columbia University sophomores studying humanities are permitted to don earphones to listen to musical recordings while

they learn their lessons.

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One fellow in western Kansas became panic-stricken this summer when the rumor got to him that all university men were to have 8 p.m. closing hours.

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Forty University of Pittsburgh coeds from Johnstown, Pa., offer to write to every soldier, sailor and marine who communicates with the club at Pitt's Johnstown center.

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University of Pennsylvania coeds have formed sewing and cutting squads to make blackout curtains for the men's dormitories.

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An 11-year-old Memphis, Tenn. boy was arrested for shooting a firearm inside the city limits. The lad was brought to court after he fired his .22 rifle at a squirrel and killed a mule.